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SUBJECT: ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS

FOR ARA/FM/EX, A/SY/FO, FBO

1. THE NEWLY-ARRIVED RSO, HAVING CONDUCTED A SECURITY SURVEY, DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE REQUESTED:

A. SECURITY VEHICLE: THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE HAS BEEN RENTING A BUS LOCALLY TO ACCOMPLISH THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD. THE TRANSPORTATION COST WAS PROJECTED IN SANTIAGO TELEGRAM 1160 AT E480,000 A MONTH (OR \$666 AT THE PRESENT RATE OF EXCHANGE).

NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE TO PROCURE A VEHICLE TO REPLACE SURPLUS VEHICLES NOW USED TO CHECK ON THE VARIOUS GUARD POSTS TO VERIFY THAT THEY ARE MANNED BY A PHYSICALLY COMPETENT MAN. THIS VEHICLE IS ALSO USED TO PATROL VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE AMERICAN PERSONNEL LIVE, BUT AT WHICH THERE IS NO PERMANENT GUARD ASSIGNED. IN THE PAST, THE GUARD FORCE HAS HAD FORM VARIOUS AGENCIES, ON AMONTHLY BASIS, SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR THIS USE. HOWEVER, THE USE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES CANNOT BE CONTINUED AS ALL SURPLUS VEHLCES HAVE BEEN SOLD, OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SOLD.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICILE BE PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: TO TRANSPORT THE CHANGING OF THE
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GUARD, TO CHECK ON THE VARIOUS GUARD POSTS, AND TO

PATROL THE REMAINING AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE NO LOCAL GUARDS ARE STATIONED. VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

"CHEVY - FORWARD CONTROL - 12 PASSENGER CARRYALL- COST \$5,226."

2. THE RESIDENCE IS CONSTRUCTED OF CEMENT AND CONCRETE UTILIZING A GREAT DEAL OF GLASS (14 SLIDING DOORS FOR A TOTAL OF 1,948 SQUARE FEET AND 4 WINDOWS FOR TOTAL OF 294 SQUARE FEET). IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL GLASS WINDOWS BE MYLARED. (NOTE: THIS WILL NOT STOP AN OBJECT FROM PENETRATING THE GLASS, HOWEVER, THE MYLAR WILL PREVENT THE GLASS FROM SHATTERING AND WILL AVOID THE DANGER OF FLYING GLASS.)

3. THE PERIMETER WALL AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IS OF VARYING HEIGHTS AND COULD BE SCALED AT SEVERAL LOW PLACES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WE RAISE THE HEIGHT OF THE PERIMETER WALL TO A MINIMUM OF 15 FEET FROM THE OUTSIDE. A LOCAL CONTRACTOR WAS HIRED FOR AN APPRAISAL AND THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS ESTIMATED AT \$74,138.00.

4. EVER SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE, THE THREAT OF TERRORISM HAS DEFINITELY INCREASED.

EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST HAS INDICATED THAT USE OF A FOLLOW CAR, BEHIND THE OFFICIAL VEHICLE OF THE AMBASSADOR, IS A WISE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF AND COMPLETE USE OF THE AVAILABLE VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION, NO VEHICLE IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS USE. REQUESTS BY OUR GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE TO INCREASED THE FLEET SUBSTANTIALLY HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS THUS FAR.

THE CHIEF, DIVISION OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS, IN THE OFFICE OF SECURITY, STATED IN A MEMORANDUM TO ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS DATED MARCH 6, 1974 THAT TWENTY FOLLOW VEHICLES WERE BEING PROCURED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ONE OF THESE TWENTY PROCURED FOLLOW VEHICLES BE ASSIGNED TO SANTIAGO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT THE PRESENT TIME FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BODYGUARDS AND DRIVERS UNDER THE EXISTING LOCAL GUARD CONTRACT.

5. CERTAIN DOORS WITHIN THE RESIDENCE DO NOT HAVE A SECURE LOCKING DEVICE. THIS ALLOWS ACCESS WITH THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING DOORS WITHIN THE RESIDENCE BE EQUIPPED WITH AN ELECTRONIC DEAD BOLT LOCKING DEVICE WHICH CAN BE ACTIVATED BY THE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE.

- (A) DOOR IN HALLWAY LEADING TO BEDROOMS
- (B) DOOR BETWEEN STUDY AND AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE
- (C) DOOR BETWEEN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE AND BEDROOM.

6. THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLIEST APPROVAL FOR THE ABOVE ITEMS IS REQUESTED.

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